



IMPROVING PERFORMANCE AT THE NEXUS OF THE COMMERCIAL AND SOCIAL SECTORS

ABSTRACT

STATISTICS ON THOSE LIVING WITH LITTLE SAVINGS IN MAJOR COUNTRIES
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Trends in household and personal savings rates vary over time and by country, but in order to ensure a reasonable level of income in retirement, 10 percent - 15 percent of an average annual salary needs to be saved. Today, individual savings rates in most countries are far lower with big spenders living in such countries as the UK, Finland, and the US, and top savers in Luxemburg, Sweden, Switzerland, and France. A recent US study discovered that 20 percent of Americans do not save any of their annual income at all. In the UK, the household savings ratio dipped to a record low of 3 percent in 2017, with over 30 percent of 35-44 year olds having less than USD115 in savings. The savings ratio of Finnish households has been negative since late 2014. The shortage of savings creates a real issue for ensuring decent retirement especially in a low-growth environment and with long-term life expectancy.

